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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to an Office Action dated March 1, 2007, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. The shortened 31 day statutory period is set to expire on April 1, 2007. Accordingly, applicants believe this communication is timely filed. Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for acceptance of this communication. However, should any fees be required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Applicants likewise believe that no extension of time is required for acceptance of this communication. However, should a petition for extension of time be required for acceptance of this communication, applicants hereby petition for any extensions of time required for timely acceptance of the papers submitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and authorize payment of such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-34, drawn to a dry formulation comprising at least two doses of coated drug particles and a viscosity enhancing substance, classified in class 424, subclass 489, a hydrophobic polymer film species comprising methacrylic acid, and a viscosity enhancing substance comprising xanthan gum, with traverse.